

**TOWN OF DARIEN
SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Robert Riith, Chair; Peter Van Winkle; Bill Doughman

STAFF: Robert Steeger, Director of Public Works;
Darren Oustafine, Assistant Director of Public Works

OTHER:

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Riith called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (ATTACHMENT)
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 5, 2010

**** MR. DOUGHMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2010 AS AMENDED.**

**** MR. VAN WINKLE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION (ATTACHMENT)
FMRR PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN – SANITARY SEWER

Mr. Steeger said last Wednesday they had another break in the 5 Mile River Force Main. He said it was in the same area that broke previously and the area that will be replaced. The repair was made with ductile iron cement lined pipe (DICL). The replacement will be performed with high density poly ethylene (HDPE) via directional drilling per plans that were a part of the package. The cost of the repair was approximately \$20,000. Two septic trucks were needed for 8 to 10 hours each. The project to replace the pipe, will be going out to bid shortly, once DOT final approval is obtained. EPC approval has already been obtained. Estimate was included in agenda package. Mr. Steeger reported that the current construction estimate is approximately \$340,000 but that we are hopeful bids will be lower.

**** MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO GO OUT TO BID ON THE 5 MILE RIVER
PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN.**

**** MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RAYMOND STREET – LOTS 107 & 108 (ATTACHMENT)
INFORMATIONAL COPY

Mr. Oustafine explained that the Benedetto brothers who came forward at last month's meeting with their architect/potential purchaser about their landlocked lots on Raymond Street, and asked permission to share a lateral that was provided for his lot and another lot. The Benedetto's were unable to produce an easement to show how he could get to the sewer. They had asked the Commission for relief, but the Commission said could not provide an easement for them. The Commission told the Benedetto's that they would work through the details of connection to the sewer in Raymond Street once they had a way of getting to the sewer. Mr. Oustafine stated that the Benedetto's came to the office since then with the paper contained in the agenda which showed that they had paid a sewer assessment. The Benedetto's asked if they should appear at the February meeting. Mr. Oustafine reported that he told the Benedetto's that it would not be necessary for him to appear, because the commission had already decided that the Benedetto's need to get an easement before they can access the sewer and that this had not happened yet. Mr. Oustafine reported that he told the Benedetto's that he would share the information relative to the assessment with the commission. The Benedetto's stated that they paid the assessment so therefore he must be able to get to the sewer. Mr. Oustafine reported that he told the Benedetto's that the commission has stated that they will let them connect, however it is up to them to obtain the rights to get to the sewer. The commission was apprised of the assessment status.

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AGREEMENT
AGREEMENT RENEWAL

The Commission decided to take this up at the end of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Steeger reminded the commission that a public hearing on the change in the sewer regulations is scheduled for the same day as the next meeting, which is Tuesday, March 2, 2010. The public hearing is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting.

Mr. Steeger said the copy of the sewer regulations the Commissioners have is the amended copy, without any of the changes made. This is the way it would appear if place in the regulations right now. He said that no one he has spoken to regarding Section 8-3 can remember licensing or inspecting septic trucks. He said the Health Department doesn't want to do it. Mr. Riith thinks that the regulations should include

that the trucks be pumped out every so often. It should be a Health Department responsibility.

Mr. Steeger said that the West Avenue sanitary sewer and storm drain conflict project was ongoing and that as part of the towns recent study of Noroton river watershed, it was learned that the watershed contributing to the area of conflict is greater than 100 acres which triggers the need for a water diversion permit (if there is a change in the instantaneous flow rate). Mr. Steeger explained that if this permit is necessary it would likely add at least 6 months to the timeline of the project and that we are waiting to hear what our consultant, Milone and MacBroom will suggest.

Mr. Steeger reported that said the acquisition of the Tweedy property was approved by the RTM at their 1/25/10 meeting and that the lawyers are working on bringing the deal to a close. Mr. Steeger reminded the commission that this parcel is necessary for the directional drilling portion of this work to take place. Mr. Steeger reported that the Salem Straits easements are pending. Mr. Steeger reported that through our attorneys, we've learned that the attorney's representing the Salem Straits property owners, that all is in order, but one of the attorney's had health issues and is expected to be back on the job soon. property transaction contract has been signed by Mrs. Tweedy and approved by the RTM. Mr. Steeger reported that another issue has come up, with regards to the directional drilling portion of the work relative to the environmental bond. That is, technically, the Town of Darien is the Permittee and the Permittee is required to post the bond, which is not consistent with the contract documents which require the contractor to post the bond for the town. Mr. Steeger reported that we have already spoken with the contractor who has agreed to post a bond to the town if necessary, but it looks like the DEP will accept a bond from the contractor. Mr. Steeger stated that he wanted to report the worst case scenario which might be \$2,000 additional cost to the town.

Mr. Steeger said there is nothing new regarding the Westmere situation.

**** MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.**

**** MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PAYMENT OF INVOICES (ATTACHMENT)

Curtis, Brinkerhoff & Barrett, P.C.

Westmere Group	\$ 116.00
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Goodwives River Road Sewer Extension	<u>\$1,187.50</u>
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\$1,303.50

Stearns & Wheler

FMRR Pump Station Force Main

\$1,157.00

**** MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,303.50 TO CURTIS, BRINKERHOFF & BARRETT, P.C. FOR WORK RELATED TO THE WESTMERE GROUP AND THE GOODWIVES RIVER ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT; AND \$1,157.00 TO STEARNS & WHELER FOR WORK RELATED TO THE FMRR PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN.**

**** MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

**CITY OF STAMFORD – EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATION OF
AGREEMENT
AGREEMENT RENEWAL**

**** MR. DOUGHMAN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT/AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH THE CITY OF STAMFORD.**

**** MR. VAN WINKLE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Steeger, Mr. Oustafine, and the Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 4:55 p.m. to discuss the negotiation of the agreement/agreement renewal with the City of Stamford.

**** MR. DOUGHMAN MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND GO BACK TO REGULAR SESSION.**

**** MR. VAN WINKLE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Steeger, Mr. Oustafine and the Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 5:20 p.m., saying that no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. VAN WINKLE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. DOUGHMAN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services